

**House File 409 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 196)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring regular meetings and special meetings of the  
2 boards of directors of school districts to include time for  
3 public comment.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.2A Public comment — regular  
2 meetings and special meetings.

3 The board of directors of each school district shall provide  
4 at least thirty minutes during each regular meeting and special  
5 meeting to receive public comment. The board of directors  
6 of a school district shall allow each interested member of  
7 the public to speak during the public comment period, but may  
8 impose a time limit on the amount of time a member of the public  
9 is allowed to speak if the time limit is the same for each  
10 speaker and necessary due to the amount of people wishing to  
11 speak.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill requires regular meetings and special meetings of  
16 the boards of directors of school districts to include at least  
17 30 minutes to receive public comment. The bill provides that  
18 the board shall allow each interested member of the public to  
19 speak during the public comment period, but may impose a time  
20 limit on the amount of time a member of the public is allowed  
21 to speak if the time limit is the same for each speaker and  
22 necessary due to the amount of people wishing to speak.